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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA - AGENDA ITEM 59: UNEP

1. INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS WERE HELD ON NOVEMBER 20 ON ALL RESOLUTIONS PENDING UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM. FOLLOWING IS A BRIEF RUNDOWN OF THE CURRENT STATUS.

(A) LIBYAN DRAFT ON MATERIAL REMNANTS OF WARS (L.1428/REV 1): LIBYANS INTEND TO PRESS FORWARD WITH THIS RESOLUTION AND REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE OBTAINED G-77 ENDORSEMENT. WEO'S (UK, FRG, ITALY) ARGUED THAT LIBYAN PROBLEM ADEQUATELY HANDLED THROUGH BILATERAL CHANNELS AND THUS SHOULD REMAIN THERE. AS FALLBACK THEY (JOINED BY US) SUGGESTED THAT UNEP IS NOT THE APPROPRIATE BODY FOR ACTION AND MATTER MIGHT BE BETTER HANDLED IN ANOTHER COMMITTEE. LIBYA AGREED TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS, BUT IT IS CLEAR THAT IF, IN FACT, THEY DO HAVE G-77 SUPPORT, THEY WILL PUSH RESOLUTION THROUGH ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED.

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(B) CANADIAN DRAFT ON HABITAT (L.1436): CANADIAN REP

NOTED THAT ONLY OUTSTANDING ISSUES INVOLVED A REQUEST TO FOOTNOTE THE ALL-STATES INVITATION (PARA 1(A), EXPANSION OF NGO'S TO INCLUDE ALL IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS (PARA 1(F), AND THE PROPOSED EGYPTIAN AMENDMENT (L.1440). NONE OF THESE ISSUES WERE RESOLVED, BUT THEY DO NOT APPEAR TO BE MAJOR OBSTACLES. EGYPTIAN REP COMMENTED THAT HE HAD RESERVATIONS ON THE SECRETARIAT'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF HIS AMENDMENT (L.1445) ON THE GROUNDS IT PROVIDED FOR ONLY ONE PLO OBSERVER. (COMMENT: ISRAELI REP HAS TOLD US THAT HE WILL ASK FOR A VOTE ON THE EGYPTIAN AMENDMENT BUT NOT ON THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED. THIS SHOULD CLEAR THE WAY FOR SMOOTH APPROVAL.)

(C) KENYAN DRAFT ON UNEP (L.1448): US REP MADE MAJOR PITCH THAT A CONSENSUS TEXT WAS APPROPRIATE IN THE AREA OF UNEP. ENSUING DISCUSSION PRODUCED SOME GIVE ON OPERATIVE PARA 2 (I.E. POSSIBLE REVERSION TO ORIGINAL TEXT REFERRING TO "RELEVANT PROVISIONS"), BUT DEADLOCK ON OPERATIVE PARA 4 (I.E. RESOLUTION 3326 REFERENCE). CLEARLY MAIN ACTORS IN THIS ARE ARGENTINA AND US AND MATTER WAS LEFT THAT WE WOULD ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A MUTUALLY ACCEPTABLE TEXT.

(D) JAMAICAN DRAFT DECISION ON MULTILATERAL FINANCING OF HOUSING: IT WAS AGREED TO REDRAFT DECISION TO REFER REPORT TO "RELEVANT UN BODIES, INCLUDING UNEP AND THE CENTER FOR HOUSING, BUILDING, AND PLANNING." THERE WERE NO OBJECTIONS TO THE BASIC THRUST OF THE DECISION.
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